purposes. In this regard Government of India have also formulated a National Land Use Policy Outline (NLPO) and 19 point decision on Land Use were adopted. The NLPO has been circulated to all the States/UTs and concerned Central Ministries/Organisations for its implementation.The NLPO inter-alia envisages restructuring the Urban Policy to ensure that highly productive land is not taken away. Besides, few States and UTs have taken the legislative and regulatory measures for diversion/ acquiring agricultural land for non-agricultural purposes.

In order to conserve ground water resources conjuctive use of surface and ground water resources has been encouraged. The National Water Policy prohibits the over-use of ground water in excess of annual recharge. A model Bill for Control and Regulation of Ground Waterhas also been circulated to States by Centre to serve as legal basis of ground water development. the Central Ground Water Board has circulated to the State Governments a manual to serve as guidelines for formulation of ground water recharge schemes. Integrated water-shed development and construction of ground water dams–underground Bandharas which are sub-surface barriers and retard natural ground water flow and store water below ground surface is also being advocated to the states, as a ground water conservation measure.

Capital Restructuring of M/s Bridge & Roof Company Ltd.

758. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any proposal from M/s Bridge & Roof Co. Ltd. (B&R), a subsidiary of Bharat Yantra Nigam for capital restructuring;

(b) the date when the proposal was received by Department of Heavy Industry;

(c) whether the proposal has been approved, if so, the date from which it will be effective;

(d) if not, the reasons for the delay;

(e) whether banks and financial institutions are insisting on delinking of M/s Bridge & Roof from its holding company before granting term loan etc.; and

(f) if so, the action taken by Government to arrange funds for B & R?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The proposal regarding Capital restructuring of B&R Company Limited was received on 25.1.94.

(c) and (d) No final decision has been taken. Time involved in consulting various Departments/Agencies and in sorting out issues arisen during the process has been the main cause of delay.

(e) and (f) B&R has approached banks/financial institutions for raising loans. Banks/financial institutions are not insisting on delinking of Bridge & Roof from its holding company before grant of loan.

Amalgamation of Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar

759. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the role and functions of the Super Bazar and the Kendriya Bhandar are virtually identical and same;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to amalgamate the two organisations to effect economy in management expenditure vis-a-vis to make prices of the items cheaper; and